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In re Patent Application of:
Steve FORTE

Confirmation No. 8081

Application No.: 09/593,543

Group Art Unit: 2642

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Examiner: Q. Nguyen

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
COMMUNICATING WITH ONE OF
PLURAL DEVICES ASSOCIATED WITH A
SINGLE TELEPHONE NUMBER

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office action mailed January 29, 2003, applicant hereby provisionally elects Group I (Claims 1-18, 28 and 30-43 for continued examination, with traverse.

The Examiner has required restriction between:

Group I – Claims 1-18, 28 and 30-43 drawn to a system and method of selectively establishing communication with one of plural devices associated with a single telephone number; and

Group II – Claims 19-27, 29 and 44-51 drawn to a method of operating a telephone call from a wireless telephone into a telecommunication network location having a single line telephone interface that connects to a wireless connection unit..

The Commissioner may require restriction if two or more independent and distinct inventions are claimed in one application (35 U.S.C. §121). M.P.E.P. § 803, however, directs as follows (emphasis added): "If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions." The directive should be followed by the examiner in this case.

The total number of claims, while more than average, would not appear to pose any serious burden. Nor would the total number of pending claims pose a serious burden. The Examiner is respectfully urged to withdraw the outstanding restriction requirement and examine each of the pending claims.

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Respectfully submitted,

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